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Attached is a map sketch, with explanations in German, of the projected Southern By-Pass (Suedverbindung) in the Prague Area. Present plans call for the construction of a branch railroad line from the vicinity of the Branik Station across the Vltava (Moldau) river, to connect with the Prague-Pilsen line. Foundations for the bridge across the Vltava have already been completed. An overpass will carry the line across the Autobahn which runs along the west bank of the Vltava. For the connection with the Prague-Pilsen line, a special tunnel will be excavated. The tunnel will be 350 meters in length. The reason for the apparently unusual course of the tunnel is not known. Local geological or other factors may be such that the bow

shape is necessary. It is estimated that the project will be completed in by mid-1953.

Also projected, but not yet approved by the Czechoslovak Government, is the construction of a railroad linelinking the new line with the present line running to Bustehrad. This project, as indicated on the attached sketch, would involve driving a three-kilometer tunnel from the intersection of the new line and the Prague-Pilsen line westward in the direction of Bustehrad. It is estimated that it would require five years to complete such a project.

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